

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the allowance of claims 1, 3-13 and 15-20. Claims 1, 3-13 and 15-20 are currently pending, with claim 1 being the only independent claim. Claims 21 and 22 have been canceled. Independent claim 1 has been amended. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of the above-identified application, in view of the following amendments and remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-13 and 15-20 have been objected to based on a minor informality. In response to each specific objection, applicants have amended independent claim 1 in a self-explanatory manner. Withdrawal of the objection is therefore deemed to be in order.

This application and all pending claims are now deemed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any comments, questions, suggestions, or objections, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned in order to resolve any outstanding issues.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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